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Supply Corps 205th Birthday Message

February 23rd marks the 205th birthday of the U.S. Navy Supply Corps. As Chief, it is my pleasure to send birthday greetings to the Navy's Supply Team...the men and women of the Supply Corps, the enlisted personnel in the Supply ratings and our civilians. As I look back, 1999 was full of challenges and successes for the Supply Corps and 2000 holds promise for continuing challenges and equally exciting accomplishments.

The Supply Team's record of service to the Navy this past year, as it has been over the entire 205 years of our existence, was exemplary. The quality of our people continues as the cornerstone of our success. Whether we are standing the watch around the globe or protecting the home front, our collective contributions to the Navy and its mission of national security remain unparalleled.

Our unique business skills, talents and professionalism make us invaluable members of the overall Navy Team. From the early days of sail to the modern ships and aircraft that comprise our Fleet today, the Navy's Supply Team is an integral part in leveraging technological advancements that have made us the world's finest Navy. Today, that focus of leveraging technological advancement could not be more evident.

Our current initiatives range from using web-based technology for ordering supplies to a total reengineering of afloat food service operations. Each initiative is intended to maximize customer satisfaction and optimize manpower resources. On every front, we are making a difference in the way the Navy conducts business.

I would also like to extend my best wishes and sincere thanks to the group of people who help to make our daily contributions possible...our spouses, children, parents and extended family members. Without you, the value of what we sacrifice each and everyday would be diminished. Simply stated, you are why we do it.

As we stand at the dawn of a new millennium, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continuing contributions. You make it possible for Supply Officers around the world to turn to their Captains and confidently exclaim, "Ready for Sea."

Happy Birthday!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. W. Lippert".

K. W. LIPPERT
Rear Admiral, SC, USN

A Letter From the Secretary of the Navy

Dear Sailors and Marines,

A New Year, and the beginning of a new session of Congress here in Washington present a natural point for looking back and looking forward: what have we accomplished, what are our most important challenges? For me, this is a particularly compelling moment for addressing these questions because I came to office with only a little over two years remaining in this Presidential term and now half that time has been expended. In a very personal sense, therefore, I owe you some accounting of what we've done with that time and what I hope to do in the remaining year.

We have a lot to feel good about in 1999. Your Chief of Naval Operations and Commandant of the Marine Corps were among the first to press for a big pay raise and the roll-back of REDUX. We achieved these goals and, with terrific support from Congress, the 4.8% pay raise (the largest in a generation) was accompanied by improvements in B.A.H. and a bonus package most especially valuable to the Navy and Marine Corps. Getting our own house in order, we reversed 1998's Navy recruiting and end-strength shortfalls — making the Navy and Marine Corps the only services to reach their recruiting goals in 1999 and come in above end-strength. We made it a high priority to reduce our gapped billets at sea — and they came down from 18,000 Sailors in November of 1998 to 10,600 today. That translated into increased fill rates for our deploying battle groups and amphibious ready groups: they rose from around 88% to 93%.

At the same time, the CNO and I have combined his initiative to reduce demands during the inter-deployment training cycle and my efforts to introduce more labor-saving tools and civilian help to free up Sailors and Marines who are working too hard. These efforts are bearing fruit. Further, on taking office I immediately directed selection boards to reject any "zero defect" philosophy and to promote "the best people, not the most immaculate records." At the same time, we greatly improved management of the officer promotion system so that periods of 150 days in reviewing and announcing board results were cut by more than a third.

During 1999, we were able to significantly increase operations funding for aviation spare parts by approximately \$100 million per year across the FYDP. This is in addition to the increase of \$150 million in 1998. While this is slow in having its impact (often manufacturers have to retool) I expect it to reduce time wasted on cannibalization, increase our availability of aircraft for training, and improve our fighting capability. In 1999, also, we brought the F-18E/F to a point of wide acceptance — indeed we secured legislative authorization for a money-saving multi-year contract. The V-22 will complete Operational Evaluation this year and procurement will increase to full rate production. Overall we've allocated more funds in this direction so that through the next several years, starting in FY00, we are buying an average of over 150 aircraft a year. Equally significant, we brought shipbuilding to about 8 per year through the FYDP, a good start that takes us close, though not yet to, the 8 2/3rds ships per year we need to sustain a healthy force of more than 300 warships.

The challenges for the year ahead are of two kinds. First, we need to sustain and build upon these improvements. You need not just one year's good pay raise, but a steady series of them above inflation. We need not just one year's successful Navy recruiting but, like the Marine Corps, a string of strong years. We need to meet end strength year after year. We need not just to congratulate ourselves on getting gapped billets at sea down to about 10,000; but to recognize that 10,000 is 10,000 too many and to reduce that number towards zero. We need not just to deploy battle groups and ARGs that are fully manned, but also to raise and stabilize the manning in training well before deployment. We need to assure that spare parts are not simply ordered, but are available in the field and fleet. We need to assure that inter-deployment training cycle reductions, Fleet Assistance Program reductions and Smart Work initiatives actually result in more time for Sailors and Marines to develop their professional skills, mentor and care for one another, and spend more days and nights with their families. These are the most obvious challenges of 2000, and the Commandant, CNO, and I are committed to meeting them.

Beyond that, there is a second set of challenges, somewhat less evident but, if anything, more significant to our well being. In recent years, but most especially in 1999, we have sown the seeds of a transformation in the Navy and Marine Corps: we have laid the basis for these truly to be better organizations in which to fight, work and live. Not different in our values, our camaraderie, our honor, or our traditions; but dramatically better in our ability to secure the well-being of the Nation and to care for each other and our families. The challenge of the year 2000 is to recognize and nourish — indeed fight for — these transformational changes, so that we deliver a Marine Corps and Navy that are truly 21st century institutions.

What does that mean in practical terms? I start with ships — because they are the predominant platforms from which Sailors and Marines live, work and fight. We are now building and will shortly begin delivering our new and vastly more capable LPDs (twelve of which will do the work that previously took 41 amphibious ships), a new LHD, Virginia class submarines, and ADCXs (greatly improving fleet resupply capabilities). Beyond this, we can, must, and will revolutionize our surface strike platforms. DD-21 and CVNX are our pathbreakers. In past years, our research and development investments for better ships were lower than they should have been, especially when compared with other platforms. While we are investing some \$13 billion Department of the Navy money in the development of the joint strike fighter, our carrier research and development budget has averaged \$5 million per year. We've raised that to \$1.5 billion for CVNX over these next five years. Our research and development budget for all other surface combatants was similarly low. We are now investing over \$4 billion in R&D for DD-21, much of it adaptable to the broader Navy (including submarines).

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Naval Supply Systems Command

HHG helpline moves to NAVTRANS

The Naval Supply Systems Command recently completed the transfer of management of the Navy Household Goods (HHG) helpline to the Naval Transportation Support Center (NAVTRANS) in Norfolk, Va.

The HHG helpline (1-800-444-7789) is a toll-free number available to service members, their family members, and others to get guidance and answers to questions regarding the movement of their household goods. The HHG helpline was initially developed and implemented by the NAVSUP Headquarters Household Goods Division in 1995.

The transfer to NAVTRANS will enhance customer service because NAVTRANS has additional staff members available to answer helpline calls ensuring that during regular hours the customer always gets to talk with a customer service representative. NAVTRANS also employs a customer call-back service for customers who hang up or whose calls are otherwise interrupted.

Switching the helpline to NAVTRANS is expected to be transparent to customers. The number and the hours remain the same. The helpline, at 1-800-444-7789, is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time Mondays through Fridays except holidays.

Customers can also get answers to household goods questions via e-mail at navtrans_hhg_helpline@navtrans.navy.mil. E-mailed questions received during duty hours are answered as they come in. During nonduty hours callers can e-mail their questions or leave voice-mail messages that are returned the next business day. The HHG helpline number and hours also appear on all Navy Permanent Change of Station orders.

HHG questions received via e-mail through the NAVSUP home page (www.navsup.navy.mil) will continue to be answered by NAVSUP.



Visitor from Japan...

VADM Norifumi Takeda, right, the Commander of the Maritime Materiel Command, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, meets with RADM Keith W. Lippert, the Commander of the Naval Supply Systems Command, at the start of his visit in NAVSUP for briefings and visits in the Naval Inventory Control Point and the DISA Area Command.

Supply Corps Rear Admiral selected for promotion

The Navy announced Feb. 8 that RADM Daniel H. Stone has been selected for promotion to the two-star rank of rear admiral (upper

half).

RADM Stone currently serves as the Commander of the Defense Logistics Support Command, a primary field-level activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir Va.

Prior to his current assignment, he served for two years as the Commander of the Defense Supply Center, in Richmond, Va.

A 1971 graduate of Villanova University, he holds a master of science degree in business administration from the University of Florida.

What's SUP

Congratulations to Jonathan Shultz of the Info Center on his recent marriage. And best wishes to him as he departs the center for a new job next week.

If you have news for this column, please send an e-mail to Barbara Pearce, SUP 09PA.



Musical celebration of county's 250th...

The 276th Army Band, Pennsylvania National Guard, performs a Star Spangled Military Concert Jan. 30 in the Special Events Forum in celebration of the 250th anniversary of Cumberland County. The event was sponsored by the Members 1st Federal Credit Union and jointly hosted by the Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg, the U.S. Army War College, and the Pennsylvania National Guard. Welcoming members of the public and the installation community to the concert was RADM Keith W. Lippert, the Commander of the Naval Supply Systems Command.

Congress guarantees veterans' funeral honors

By Linda D. Kozaryn, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — As America bids farewell to the veterans of World War II, Congress has taken steps to ensure these patriotic GIs receive their ceremonial due.

By law, as of Jan. 1, all eligible veterans are entitled to military funeral honors signifying America's gratitude for their honorable service. Upon request, two service members will fold and present the American flag to surviving family members, and a bugler will sound "Taps." If a bugler is not available, a high-quality CD will be used.

At least one member of the funeral detail will be from the deceased veteran's parent military service. The other may be from the same service or another military service. Other authorized providers, such as members of a veteran's organization, may be used to augment the military detail. No particular rank is specified in the law, but the services by tradition have ensured the person presenting the flag to the family is at least the grade of the deceased veteran.

"We believe this is a very important, meaningful and moving ceremony. It's an appropriate tribute for all of our veterans," said Gail McGinn, principal director to the deputy assistant secretary of defense for Personnel Support, Families and Education. "People say the finality of 'Taps' and the presentation of the flag provide an emotional closure. The ceremony honoring the deceased veteran can be seen as an affirmation of the person's life, as well as an expression of the nation's gratitude."

Veterans' families have had a hard time obtaining funeral honors due to the grow-

ing number of requests and to concurrent military force reductions, McGinn said.

One quarter of the nation's 26 million veterans alive today are over age 65. Department of Veterans Affairs officials project the rate of veterans' deaths will rise through 2008 to about 620,000 per year, up from 456,000 deaths in 1989 and 537,000 in 1997.

At the same time requests for funeral details have risen, the active force, since 1989, has fallen from 2.1 million to 1.4 million, with about a third stationed overseas or deployed on contingency operations. Similarly, the Reserve components have shrunk from 1.2 million to 900,000 since 1989.

In addition, 77 U.S. installations have closed since 1989, and 20 more will close by 2001. In many cases, funeral details now have to travel greater distances to provide support. McGinn's office examined 9,800 requests for funeral honors received from June 1 to Sept. 30 this year and found 23 percent could not be fully supported and 2 percent received no support.

While many veterans think of military funeral honors as a right, the honors grew from custom, not DoD policy. Until the new law, nothing actually said the honors were a mandatory function, McGinn said. Congress responded to public concerns by writing a provision into the fiscal 2000 Defense Authorization Act requiring the military to perform at least a basic level of funeral honors upon request for all eligible veterans.

By law, veterans are now eligible for military funeral honors if they served in the active military and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions, or if they were a member or former

member of the Selective Reserve. Veterans are ineligible if they are convicted of federal or state capital offenses and sentenced to life imprisonment without parole or receive the death penalty.

McGinn said military teams conducted 38,000 funeral honor ceremonies in 1998; 1999 statistics are not yet available. Requests in 2000 are expected to continue rising as the ranks of America's 16.1 million World War II veterans wither.

"In developing the policy, we realized the number of requests for military funeral honors was going to increase," McGinn said, "The veterans of World War II are passing away — we're anticipating that there will be about 1,500 deaths a day."

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates about 572,000 veterans will die in 2000. DoD anticipates family requests for funeral honors each year eventually will climb to at least 45 percent of the eligible veterans — in 2000, that would be about 257,000 requests, McGinn said.

"Given the way we think the mission is going to expand, what we've tried to do is provide our veterans a dignified, professional ceremony and a proper farewell within the resources available," she said.

"This is a total force mission, so we will rely on both the active and the reserve components. Reservists who participate will receive a \$50 stipend and a point toward their retirement. They may accumulate retirement points for funeral honors duty beyond the annual cap."

DoD's new policy calls for funeral directors, rather than families, to contact the military. Military funeral honors must be requested — they aren't provided automatically, McGinn noted.

"The funeral director would probably ask the family whether the deceased was a veteran and then discuss the option for funeral honors," she said. In this, defense officials are taking steps to ensure families and funeral directors know how to request military honors and what the ceremony will include.

McGinn said about 24,000 funeral directors are in line to receive DoD kits containing a directory of regional funeral honors coordinators and brochures with frequently asked questions, instructions on the proper folding of the flag and the sequence of the ceremony. The kit also will include a compact disc of "Taps" professionally recorded during 1999 Memorial Day services at Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery.

"A live bugler is always the first choice, but finding one is always a problem," McGinn said. "There are only 500 buglers in the whole Department of Defense and they're not strategically located across the country," she added.

A DoD web site explaining the funeral honors process is online at www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil.

A toll free number, 1-877-MIL-HONR, is available for funeral directors to coordinate ceremonies.

(Paul Stone contributed to this story.)

FMSO folk talk

Congratulations to LCDR Carey Manhertz and his wife, Bridget, on the recent birth of their third daughter, Rachel Ellen. Rachel Ellen was born Jan. 23.

If you have news for this column, call Joe Niemiec at Ext. 7734.

MLK Commemoration



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Breakfast...

In the above photo, CAPT Cris Toledo, right, accepts a Certificate of Recognition for NAVSUP Code 05



Support Services from RADM Keith W. Lippert, the Commander of the Naval Supply Systems Command, at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Breakfast held Jan. 13 on the installation. In center photo, Thurston Henry receives his recognition award



from Sandy Leggieri, the Vice Commander of the Naval Inventory Control Point. Above, Kim Labenberg receives her award from CAPT Hart Odom, the Executive Officer of the Fleet Material Support Office. The awards recognized group and individual efforts in the equal employment opportunity/equal opportunity arena. Below, guest speaker Derrick L. Span, the Director, Project for Community Building, Department of Community and Economic Development for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Darlene Smith-Miller, the Director of the HRO Workforce Diversity Department, call attention to a display honoring Dr. King's legacy. Program participants also included Jerome Thomas and Rufus Geesaman, both of the NAVICP.

Adult Special Olympics

Adult Special Olympics team is looking for volunteers

The Management Team for the 10th annual Adult Special Olympics Games is forming, and several vacancies have been announced by the sponsoring Federally Employed Women organization.

A basewide search is underway for volunteers to fill several positions.

Prior experience with Special Olympics is useful but not required. Volunteers must be able to make a commitment through the date of the games, Saturday, April 29.

The time commitment will vary with each team. Initially, one-hour Management Team meetings are scheduled every week at which the director or assistant director will report on team progress.

After the teams are formed, each team will meet separately as needed to prepare for the games.

The Adult Special Olympics is a basewide effort.

The returning Management Team

members include representatives from nearly all commands and activities on the installation.

If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile event, contact Woody Baker, assistant event director, Ext. 1623, or send your name, code, extension, and area of interest to him at Code 05834.25. E-mail inquiries should be addressed to Elwood Baker.

All along the NAVICP line

Pauline O. Adams, who had been the longest serving employee on the compound, died Feb. 4. She was 73. She had worked for the NAVICP for more than 50 years prior to her recent retirement. Her survivors include son William Adams of the Fleet Material Support Office.

If you have news for this column, send an e-mail to Barbara Pearce in NAVSUP.



Secretary of the Navy letter continued

If we follow-through on this effort, the effects will be revolutionary. Over the next decade, we will change the propulsion system of our combatants by moving to electric drive (doing away with the maintenance and vulnerability of reduction gears, enormously increasing electrical availability for war-fighting, greatly facilitating damage control, and reducing engineering manning levels); we will multiply fleet communications and connectivity; we will decrease the amount of work that must be done at sea, and thereby improve sea-shore rotation and reduce the number of souls at risk when we enter combat; and we will improve living conditions on ships in the decades ahead to the point that we should begin providing enlisted Sailors with shared staterooms.

As we work on these longer-term goals, we are right now further changing the nature of war fighting and sustainment by moving to integrated information systems with IT-21 and a revolutionary Navy-Marine Corps Intranet whose procurement we have just initiated. Our strike and other weaponry are dramatically expanding and will do so further as we introduce the Tactical Tomahawk, improved gun systems, and area and theater missile defense. Operationally, our doctrine commands, war fighting and research laboratories, and battle experiments are widening the aperture of our thinking with concepts like Ship to Objective Maneuver (without relying on an intervening shore build up), network warfare, organic anti-mine warfare, and UAVs as sensors. We are beginning to grasp equally revolutionary possibilities with respect to personnel. I have argued throughout the year gone by that, in too many respects, we remain "infected by the psychology of conscription." As we improve the quality of professional life for Sailors and Marines, we must also eradicate any tendencies to view our manpower as low-cost labor (the mode of thought when we had an almost unlimited number of young men and women driven to us by the prospect of conscription). Rather, we must invest in you as valuable (and costly) professionals who we need to support, develop and retain. That logic has led us to "Smart Work." This includes the use of civilians wherever possible. For example, 12 ships have been repainted by civilians instead of Sailors. (My favorite remark of 1999 was that of the bos'un mate who, watching these teams at work, said he felt like he'd "died and gone to heaven.") We plan to expand this effort. By the end of FY00 the number of civilian repainted ships and submarines will grow to 35. Smart Work also includes providing good tools instead of just making do with less. (My favorite question of '99 was that of the C.O. who asked: "why do we give our Sailors less for cleaning a ship than is typically available to clean a house?") It also includes automating to save labor (we now have plans to refit all our cruisers and a majority of our destroyers to accomplish this.)

The same logic has led us to improvements in training (especially pilot training) and to the Navy College Program. The College Program, initiated this year, provides every boot camp graduate with a transcript showing his or her credits from Navy training. Many first term Sailors will earn enough credits to take them half-way to an A.A. degree in an area related to their Navy training during their first enlistment.

Lifelines also reflects this approach. This on-line system (also introduced in 1999) provides on-line information and interactive opportunities for Navy and Marine Corps families as well as service members. From anywhere in the world, at any time, you can now access information (www.lifelines4qol.org) about an array of professional and quality of life services.

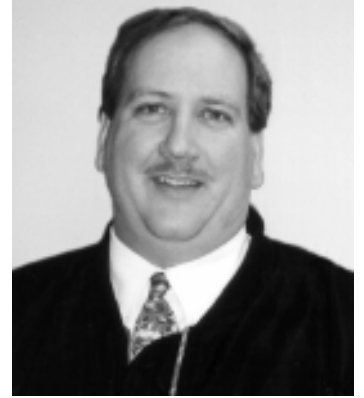
What this adds up to is a better Navy and Marine Corps. A Navy and Marine Corps in which our hard work bears very meaningful and lasting results; a Navy-Marine Corps team that operates seamlessly together, communicating on an integrated network under a unified vision for the conduct of combat; a Fleet armed and equipped with 21st century technologies, tools, and equipment to both maintain the force and fight decisively in any mission of war; and – above all – a team of carefully recruited Sailors, Marines, and civilians who are consistently regarded as highly-valued professionals whom we diligently develop and retain.

In short, your Commandant, CNO, and I are trying not only to lead and manage a Department of the Navy that is the largest, most widespread and the most important employer in the world, but also to create a Navy and Marine Corps that is at one and the same time the most relevant and dominant 21st century fighting force, and the best employer in the world. These are obviously challenging goals, but ones we should set for ourselves – and achieve.

I like what we did last year. We can accomplish more in the year ahead.

Richard Danzig

In the Spotlight



Who: Robert Stahl of the Naval Sea Logistics Center

Job Title: Supply Systems Analyst in the Outfitting Division

Volunteer activities: He serves as show Chairman for one of the Monaghan Township Volunteer Fire Company's larger fund-raisers, the Monaghan Fisherman's Flea Market. As the Chairman he is solely responsible for organizing all aspects of the Fisherman's Flea Market, including contacting and securing vendors, designing and arranging for advertising, setting up the raffle and door prizes, building a trout pond and displays, arranging various other displays, and organizing spaces for vendors.

On His Volunteer Efforts: "There are many different causes that cannot function without volunteers and everyone should try to help out where they can. I have supported the fire company in various ways since I was a teenager. Over the years that support has included on-call fire fighting, weekly bingo events, annual festival fund-raiser, and monthly dinners. I started the Fisherman's Flea Market seven years ago, and I concentrate the majority of my community efforts on the success of that event."

In the Spotlight recognizes volunteer efforts of employees from on-base commands. POC is Kathy Adams, NAVSUP, Ext. 2287.

Ads

CAR POOL

- Looking for 1 person to join existing car pool from Newville, 5-4-9 schedule, 6-3:30, RDO Fri. Garry, X2704.
- Seeking car pool 5-8 or 5-4-9 from Snyder County area. George, X7717.
- Driver from Tower City, 10 hr. schedule, RDO every Friday, X4520.
- Need ride bet. base & River House Apts. 2311 N. Front, Hbg. Will pay for gas. Hours flexible. Phil X6183

FREE

- To good home, black lab mix, 5 yrs. old, female, housebroken, affectionate, good w/cats, not dogs. 362-2051.

WANTED

- Used piano, good cond, but reasonable price. 486-8462 after 6.
- Up-to-date computer in good working cond. for handicapped child. 975-0757 or 732-6070.

FOR SALE

- Kawai Digital Piano, PN80 w/nice features, \$1800. 432-5380 after 6.
- Bunk beds, walnut wood, can be singles, good cond, \$65. 737-6309.
- Zenith 19" color TV, no remote, good cond, \$50. 732-4053 eves.
- Jeep Cherokee (Bra) front end cover w/bug screen, fits 97-00, like new, \$50. 243-9746.
- Entertainment center, solid oak, 42h 60w, holds 29" TV & stereo acc. \$250. 764-7728.
- '93 Chevy Corsica, 6 cyl, 3.1 liter engine, white, blue int, 88,000 mi. \$3,000. 766-7147.
- Circa '30s 4-drawer dresser w/round beveled mirror, dovetail workmanship, exc. cond. \$125. 438-3015 after 6.
- APS Camera, Fuji Endeavor 4000SL w/25-100mm power zoom lens, incl. case, paid \$300/sell \$225. 737-9976.
- * 46 A.C., WC farm tractor & 2 row McCorm. drag behind corn planter. Best offer. 652-1398.

AD COUPONS

* Ad coupons are available in SUP 09PA, north end, bldg. 309. Next deadline Feb. 28, noon.

Submarine Force anniversary



100th anniversary marked...

From left, RADM Michael Finley, the Commander of the Naval Inventory Control Point; Sandy Leggieri, NAVICP's Vice Commander; Bill Wilkinson of the NAVICP's Code 87; Jim Bromwell, the Deputy Director of Code 84; Ken Forconi of the NAVICP's Code 84; CAPT Frank Lawton, the Director of Code 84; and CDR Tom Tichy, the Director of Code 87, gather around a flag commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Submarine Force. See story.

Submarine Force anniversary is focus

CAPT Frank Lawton, the Director of the Naval Inventory Control Point's Submarine Support Department, on behalf of Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet, recently presented RADM Michael Finley, the Commander of the NAVICP, with a flag commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Submarine Force.

In attendance were personnel from the Submarine Support Directorate (NAVICP 84) and the Nuclear Reactors Supply

Chain Management Directorate (NAVICP 87). Code 84 and 87 reps included Ken Forconi, the longest serving 84 employee (28 years), and Bill Wilkinson, the longest serving 87 employee (36 years). Representatives from Codes 01, 02, 04, and 05 were also in attendance.

The Submarine Force came into existence on Oct. 12, 1900, with the commissioning of the USS *Holland* (SS 1). Small, slow, and costing only \$160,000 it was designed for coastal and harbor defenses. Since these auspicious beginnings, the submarine force has been the silent leader of peace and technological revolution within the armed forces.

Retracing history, a Code 84 spokesperson reports, submarine personnel represented just 1.6 percent of the Navy during World War II yet accounted for 55 percent of Japan's maritime losses ... during the Korean Conflict, submarines were amongst the first U.S. forces to counterattack against the enemy ... ADM Rickover's leadership in enabling USS *Nautilus* to send her now famous message "Under-

way on nuclear power" to become the first true submersible ... during the Cold War, submarines were able to achieve technological and operational superiority over the Soviet Union despite being outnumbered 2 to 1 ... the advent of the Fleet Ballistic Submarine with the launching of the first submerged ballistic missile, a Polaris, from USS *George Washington* on July 20, 1960, enabling the United States to maintain peace through strength that continues today through the Trident program, the largest and most survivable part of our country's Strategic Deterrence Triad ... and in today's uncertain, multipolar world, the submarines' unsurpassed stealth technology and unlimited endurance is being rediscovered by the nation's political and military leadership.

Sailors alone did not achieve this incredible record, the report continues. Through NAVICP's dedication and determination we have ensured that the Submarine Force can add to these impressive achievements.

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Fleet Material Support Office



Retirement ceremony congratulations...

At a recent retirement ceremony held for him in the Special Events Forum, CDR Doug Ballou, right, receives congratulations from CAPT Bill Bristow, left, Fleet Material Support Office's Commanding Officer, following the presentation to him of a Navy Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of Third Award) for his service in FMSO as Director, Technical Support Department; Director TRIDENT System Support Department, and New Technologies Project Officer from August 1996 to January 2000. RADM Raymond A. Archer III, guest speaker at the ceremony, looks on. Ballou and his family will reside in Mechanicsburg.

ITT lists Leisure Fair

An Information, Tickets and Tours (ITT) Fair is coming up next month.

The March 22 event will be held in building 14 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The fair is free and features prize giveaways as well as first-hand information and brochures from local amusement parks, other leisure attractions, and more.

BJ's Membership

Applications to join or renew membership to all BJ's Wholesale Clubs will be available for one day only at the ITT Leisure Fair. Special discount is \$30. This is a \$5 savings and includes two membership cards and covers a 15-month period.

Book Fair

Great books, great prices, great gifts are advertised as part of the Leisure Fair. The fair offers hardcover books – from children's to history and gardening topics – at 40 to 70 percent savings.

Boyd's Bears Fair

Good offerings on a large selection of Boyd's Bears as well as hares, cows, pigs, and cats will be part of the ITT Leisure Fair.

Office hours

The ITT Office in building 310 is open workdays between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Or you may call Ext. 2266 to reach the ITT hot line.

Or check the office's bulletin boards on e-mail.

At a glance...

- Feb. 21 Presidents Day holiday
- Feb. 22 Mechanicsburg Federal Employees Leadership Assn. luncheon. POC: Roxy Gabel, X5809.
- Feb. 23 Supply Corps Birthday
- Feb. 27 Hershey Bears vs. Albany River Rats hockey, Hersheypark Arena, 6 p.m., \$10.50/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Save \$2.50/ticket plus \$4 handling fee.
- Feb. 28 Deadline for March 3 Supplier, noon. POC: Barb Pearce, X3565.
- Mar. 3 Birth date of the Naval Reserve (1915)
- Mar. 14 & 16 Adult Patient CPR Classes, 2-4:30 p.m., bldg. 205, south end. To register, call Clarence Souders, X6132, or send him an e-mail.
- Mar. 15 Military Nite w/Hershey Bears Game vs. Springfield Falcons, Hersheypark Arena, 7:30 p.m., \$10.50/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Save \$2.50/ticket plus \$4 handling fee.
- Mar. 19 Hershey Bears vs. Syracuse Crunch hockey, Hersheypark Arena, 6 p.m., \$10.50/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Save \$2.50/ticket plus \$4 handling fee.
- Mar. 21 Pediatric Patient CPR Class, 2-4:30 p.m., bldg. 205, south end. To register, call Clarence Souders, X6132, or send him an e-mail.
- Mar. 22 ITT Leisure Fair w/BJ's membership offer, Book Fair, & Boyd's Bears Fair. See ITT story.
- Mar. 25 Atlantic City Casino Day, \$20/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office.
- Apr. 1 Census 2000 Day
- Apr. 1 NYC Do-As-Please-Day, \$25/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Approx. \$20 cheaper than most commercial tours.
- Apr. 15 Washington, D.C., Zoo, \$17/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office.
- Apr. 22 "Behold the Lamb" w/Amish lunch, Sight n Sound, Lancaster, \$59.50/adult, \$52.50/ages 4-12. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Save \$25 compared to local commercial tours.
- Apr. 22, 29-30 Bullride Mania, Farm Show. Discounted tickets/info coming soon.
- Apr. 29 Adult Special Olympics sponsored by FEW. POCs: Darlene Smith-Miller, X3611, and Woody Baker, X1623.
- May 19&20 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Golf Tournament. POC: LCDR Dave Cruz, X1970.
- May 31 Spring Quality Symposium, Change Strategies for the New Century, 7:45 a.m. to noon, O'Club. Details soon.
- July 15 Atlanta Braves vs. Orioles w/Harbor time, \$31/\$26/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office.
- Sept. 30 N.Y. Yankees vs. Orioles w/Harbor time, \$35/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office.
- Dec. 16 Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, NYC day, approx. \$85/person. A \$45/person nonrefundable deposit will be required at reservation in ITT Office. Tickets must be purchased no later than Feb. 25.